NOMINATION FOR AWARD				
AWARD		CATEGORY (If Applicable)		AWARD PERIOD
Air Force PA Director's Excellence Award (Large Wing)		Unit		1 Jan - 31 Dec 2001
RANK/NAME OF NOMINEE (First, Middle Initial, Last) Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center PA		SSN (Enter Last 4 Only)		JCOM, FOA, OR DRU F MC
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SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Use single-spaced, bullet format)

Overall Effectiveness of Program

- Versatile, comprehensive, and very successful PA program in challenging, multi-mission environment
- -- Supports largest Air Logistics Center in AF, seven major tenants, two services, two DoD agencies
- Reaches broad internal and external audience of 16,000 civilians, 8,000 military, 2,000 contractors -- Serves thousands of retirees, dependents with dynamic, award-winning print, electronic products
- Timely and effective response to more than 400 queries from local, national and trade publications
- -- Effectively coordinates multi-faceted, team approach to media relations with four tenant unit PAOs - Maintains, enhances community support through wide variety of interactive on and off-base programs
- -- Planned, coordinated base participation in dozens of ceremonies, local events and base programs
- -- Developed new informational materials and programs to better inform, educate community leaders

Research and Planning

- Organized and conducted readership survey to determine impact of base paper and plan improvements -- Processed 500+ completed surveys; subsequent revisions improved appearance, readability, impact -Planned, hosted media day for local news directors, editors to discuss procedures and opportunities
 - -- Provided depot tours and info packets with pre-arranged story ideas from each major directorate
- -- Enhanced understanding of post-11 Sept environments and resulted in positive coverage for ALC
- Gauged homeowner attitudes, needs with door-to-door survey when water wells were contaminated
- -- Developed relationships, relieved fears, coordinated short-term solutions pending permanent fix
- -- Effectively used existing community action board process to inform and calm public and media - Developed and maintains invaluable data base of more than 350 community leaders and officials
- -- Continuously reviews media and other sources to ensure addition, indoctrination of new members

Execution and Evaluation

- Effectively communicated to all affected publics during emotional BRAC-related workload transfer -- Worked with both San Antonio and Oklahoma media to identify and welcome new employees
- Successfully organized, executed Public Affairs aspects of numerous high-profile VIP visits to Tinker
- -- Praised by White House staff, press corps for outstanding support during visit of President Bush -- Similar results in support of visits of SecAF, CMSAF, Senators Warner and Inhofe, and others
- Outstanding support to Tinker's \$1 million recycling program which pays for itself and funds MWR
- -- Hands-on approach with continuous publicity and outreach to base employees and area schools
- Turned overdue Army Bronze Star into recognition for 50+ WWII veterans in elder care center
- -- Used IMA support to develop long-term relationship and support for resident Alzheimers victims
- Organized, executed recognition event for 90+ women who served as "Rosie the Riveter" in WWII -- Highly successful event resulted in community leader praise and continuing positive coverage
- Developed flexible new base/unit mission briefings for use with all internal and external audiences
- -- Can be tailored to fit time, audience size, and knowledge-base, as well as presentation environment
- Led base support for on-base community Independence Day celebration attended by more than 25,000 -- Arranged meeting between handicapped children and F-16 pilots as well as other special events

Innovativeness of Program

- New electronic Hometown News Release forms reduced both time and effort, doubled submissions
- Effectively used high technology for crisis communication with media, public and internal audiences
- -- Created base operating status website to inform employees, public, media during adverse weather
- -- Worked with EM to create new website for community members affected by water contamination
- -- Created, distributed daily commander's messages to employees during initial period after 11 Sept
- Enhanced successful COMMSTAR program of one-on-one relationships with community leaders
- -- Arranged, supported small group fours and visits to individual work areas for greater understanding
- Developed and implemented highly flexible public tour program aimed at chambers of commerce
- -- Reached leadership core at 16 area chambers and other community groups over six-month period

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